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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS TH US
SUBJECT: THAI MILITARY PROCUREMENT: F-8 AIRCRAFT

REF: (A) CINCPAC 082253Z JUNE 78
(B) JUSMAGTHAI 060926Z JUNE 78 (NOTAL)
(C) BANGKOK 15926 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES AND ENDORSES THE ANALYSIS PROVIDED IN
REF A WHICH SUPPORTS THE RTG REQUEST FOR P&B FOR F-8 AIRCRAFT.
WE AGREE THAT THAI P&B REQUESTS SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS A PART
OF THEIR DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. WE BELIEVE THAT USG SHOULD
BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE, AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE,
TO THESE REQUESTS NOT RPT NOT AS A MEANS TO PROMOTE U S ARMS
SALES BUT TO FACILITATE RATIONAL DECISION MAKING AND TO DEMON-
STRATE WE ARE WILLING TO PERMIT RTG PROCUREMENT OF EXISTING
WEAPONS SYSTEMS WITHIN CONTEXT OF OUR OVERALL ARMS TRANSFER
POLICY.

2. WE WOULD NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT IN REGARD TO PARA 3 REF A,
THAI HAVE NOT ONLY SAID THEY WILL SEEK OUT THIRD COUNTRY
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SOURCES, BUT ALREADY ARE ACTIVELY DOING JUST THAT. AS INDICATED
REFS B AND C, RTG KEENLY INTERESTED IN AERMACCHI AIRCRAFT,
WHICH APPARENTLY ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR SIMILAR ROLE ENVISAGED
FOR F-8. THAI TREND TOWARD THIRD COUNTRY PROCUREMENT IS FURTHER
EVIDENCED BY THEIR RECENT AGREEMENT TO BUY SCORPION TANKS FROM
THE U K AND INTEREST IN 155MM HOWITZERS FROM CANADA OR ISRAEL
AND PATROL SHIPS FROM SOUTH KOREA.

3. FOR CINCPAC: PLEASE REPEAT REF A TO SECSTATE.

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